

# *News from the Wyoming Department of Health*

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## **Swine Flu Potential “Worth Watching”**

As national and international news reports circulate about recent swine flu cases reported in California, Texas and Mexico, a Wyoming Department of Health official said the disease situation will be “worth watching.”

Dr. Tracy Murphy, state epidemiologist with the Wyoming Department of Health, said, “At this time, this particular influenza virus does not appear to be a significant threat to public health in Wyoming, but it is certainly worth watching and that’s what we will do.”

“Our department will continue with appropriate disease surveillance activities and lab testing,” Murphy continued. “We will be closely monitoring this situation and will share information on how it may potentially affect Wyoming residents.”

Murphy noted that the current influenza season is winding down in Wyoming and reports have indicated a relatively mild season statewide with no increased mortality.

More information is available online from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the current swine flu situation at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine/>.

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